IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Gawad Confirmation No.: 5111
Serial No.: 10/018,614 Group Art Unit: 1641
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated <u>March 22, 2006</u> at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting claims <u>1-18, 20-25 and 27-54</u>.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 in the amount of \$250.00 for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

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